



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER  
DISTRICT ONE**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 23, 2009

TO: Council President Ben Hueso

FROM: Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner

SUBJECT: Nomination of Marshall Merrifield for appointment to the San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners

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It is my honor and privilege to nominate Marshall Merrifield for appointment to the San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners.

He is the president of Clark Security Products, the nation's largest wholesale distributor and installer of commercial security hardware, and General Lock, a major import lock manufacturer. Mr. Merrifield is the chairman and co-founder of BlueWave Security, a leading security company in the nation.

Mr. Merrifield understands port issues from many different angles. He is a leader in the security industry on a national level and an expert on global supply chain issues. His work with the 350 employees of General Lock gives him hands-on experience with the need for efficiency, not only during the current economy, but at all times, a need our City government faces as well. As a former corporate and municipal finance specialist at Kidder Peabody on Wall Street, Mr. Merrifield brings valuable insights and understanding that will help in addressing financial issues involving the Port and the City.

Mr. Merrifield is knowledgeable of Homeland Security issues facing the Port and the City, as a founding sponsor of the Security Network, a non-profit organization in San Diego seeking to build a network of public and private organizations in San Diego around Homeland Security solutions.

Marshall Merrifield is an innovative thinker. A company he co-founded, Shoreline Studios, produces live animation for sports television – for example, Fox Sports' glowing NHL hockey puck and the yellow NFL first down line.

In addition to Wall Street and entrepreneurial experience, Mr. Merrifield brings regional planning expertise as a member of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation's Strategic Planning Group.

If you have any questions, please contact my chief of staff, John Rivera at (619) 236-6611.

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cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders  
Honorable Councilmembers  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst